



THE PARISH OF HOLY TRINITY

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THE FEAST OF ST FRANCIS

Welcome to our Services today

And welcome if you are reading this at home

8am BCP Holy Communion

9.30am Sung Eucharist

6pm Sung Evensong

All hymns & music can be found in the printed
Order of Services for today

COLLECT

O God, you ever delight to reveal yourself to the childlike and lowly of heart: grant that, following the example of the blessed Francis, we may count the wisdom of this world as foolishness and know only Jesus Christ and him crucified, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Micah 6. 6-8

'With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with tens of thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, The fruit of my body for the sin of my soul? He has told you, O mortal what is good; And what does the Lord require of you But to do justice, and to love kindness, And to walk humbly with your God? With ten thousand of rivers of oil?

EPISTLE READING

Galatians 6.14-end

May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. Neither circumcision nor uncircumcision means anything; what counts is the new creation. Peace and mercy to all who follow this rule-to the Israel of God. From now on, let no one cause me trouble, for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers and sisters. **Amen.**

GOSPEL READING

Luke 12. 22-34

Jesus said to his disciples, 'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest? Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you—you of little faith! And do not keep striving for what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. For it is the nations of the world that strive after all these things, and your Father knows that you need them. Instead, strive for his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well. 'Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord God, you made your church rich through the poverty of blessed Francis: help us like him not to trust in earthly things but to seek your heavenly gifts; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

GLUTEN FREE WAFERS – these are available for those who need them. Please let the welcomers know when you arrive and inform the priest when you come to receive Communion

HOLY TRINITY NOTICES

COPYING, PRINTING, POSTERS – please send to Netty on: beneficeoffice@htboa.org

HT FINANCE, PAYMENT REQUESTS ETC – please contact Klaus on treasurer@htboa.org

NOTICES FOR WEEKLY BULLETINS – please send any messages *by the end of a Wednesday* to Netty on beneficeoffice@htboa.org

BIRTHDAYS - We wish Mrs Chris Hodge a happy birthday and thank her for generosity in gifting post-service bubbly and cake today. Happy birthday to all those with birthdays in this season.

CHORAL EVENSONG – Sunday 5 October, TODAY @ 6pm

- All welcome! If you haven't experienced a Choral Evensong at Holy Trinity before, do come along! This evening's service features the Choir singing Ernest Moeran's setting of the Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis, music full of English character, rich in style, and with moments of real drama. Moeran died 75 years ago this December, and his work remains a striking part of the Anglican choral tradition. The evening anthem is a much-loved piece by Charles Steggall, setting words from Ecclesiastes 12: 'Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth.' Craftman's art and music's measure combine beautifully to create the perfect soundscape for an autumnal Evensong. Three fine hymns, splendid organ music by John Ireland, and prayers lifted to the heavens complete the evening. All are welcome - we look forward to seeing you! Martin Cooke, Director of Music, and the Choir of Holy Trinity

MESSAGE FROM JENNY - As Black History Month begins, we pause to pray:

Compassionate God, who sent Jesus Christ to deliver us from all manner of injustices and inequalities, create in us new hearts and enlarged visions, to see the image of God in every person irrespective of background, race and ethnicity. May we be generous in our love of others as we work towards ending misunderstanding, racism and injustice; creating communities of human flourishing, through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.** It is important that we do something this October in recognition of the significance of Black History Month, whether by reflection and prayer, or by celebrating the richness of our diversity over a cup of tea. Please feel welcome to be in touch with me to share your ideas as we look to celebrate our diversity and enrich our shared life of faith. It's a chance to work together, for inclusive communities where everyone feels welcomed, included and valued. Yours Jenny

REMEMBERING SERVICES - This year we will be offering two special services again, an **All Souls Eucharist on Tuesday 4 November at 9.30am** and a **'Remembering' service on Sunday 16 November at 3pm**; both are Benefice services which will be held at Holy Trinity. There will be lists of names read out during the services so if you would like a name read out, please email details to Netty in good time. Each service will be followed by refreshments and a chance to chat.

FINDING JESUS THROUGH MATTHEW - The Rt Revd Dr John Inge KCVO, Wednesday, 5 November 10am – 11.15am, Holy Trinity

We are delighted that Bishop John will be leading us in a short course 'Finding Jesus through Matthew'. The Revised Common Lectionary has become the framework by which Scripture is read on Sundays in many Anglican parishes and other denominations. It follows a three-year cycle, taking each of the synoptic Gospels in turn, and reading substantial portions of them within the rhythm of the liturgical year. While each year focuses on Matthew, Mark, or Luke, the Gospel of John also features prominently at particular times. This session helps us to see the Gospel narrative more clearly: explained, illuminated, and interpreted for our discipleship. Bishop John will guide us into Matthew's Gospel: exploring the setting in which it was first written, the way it is presented in the lectionary cycle, and the themes and concerns that shape its message. In this way, we will be invited to encounter afresh the story of Jesus - Matthew's Gospel being the focus for the coming year (Lectionary Year A).

The Gospel of Matthew will also be the focus of our Lent Course in 2026.

If you would like to sign up for the session with Bishop John on 5 November, please email the benefice office email: beneficeoffice@htboa.org. Thank you, Revd Jenny

HOLY TRINITY - NEW CONCERT & RECITAL SERIES -

Next Recital – Thursday, 30 October @ 12.00pm After a successful opening recital last week, we are delighted to welcome Martin Cooke, Director of Music at Holy Trinity, for an organ recital on 30th October at 12pm. From Cornwall to St Paul's, Martin has enjoyed a distinguished career as organist, conductor, teacher, and composer, including serving as Headmaster of Clayesmore and currently as a governor of Wells Cathedral School. This is an exciting time for organ music at Holy Trinity as we look forward to the recommissioning and rededication of our magnificent Henry Willis III organ. Please join us for this inspiring lunchtime concert. Retiring collection with all proceeds to the church. All welcome!

HOLY TRINITY EVENTS - Clive, our Treasurer, has given us some encouraging news on our efforts to reduce our deficit of income over expenditure. Part of this "good news story" is the growth in Church hiring and the vital income this is generating. If however, this is to continue we urgently need more volunteers to "host" such events. A schedule of what a host needs to do is available as is a list of all the planned events so volunteers can decide which ones they'd like to host. This is your chance to see a concert for free – you will get training! You can do as many or as few as you wish. The Church needs you and its future depends on all of us. If you decide to volunteer, please email Netty with your details.

PCC APPEAL - more helpers are sought to set up the church ready for the Eucharist. Currently, duty is once every 5 weeks or so. If you are able to help, please contact Mavis.

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL - The dates for this year's Christmas Tree Festival are Set up Sunday and Monday 7 & 8 December, Tree Fest open Tuesday to Sunday 9 to 14 December Clear away Monday 15 December
John Cox would very much like to find a volunteer to organise this year's musical entertainment, please contact John

HARVEST THANKSGIVING AT HOLY TRINITY - Thank you to everyone who made the Harvest Festival such a joyful and heartening celebration. The offering of the Harvest loaf and grapes, the gifts brought forward for The Hub, and the shared meal, both in the service and afterwards, were beautiful signs of God's blessing and our life together in Christ. It was a joy to welcome so many in community. We are especially grateful to our hospitality team, florists, Mother's Union, and Choir for their creativity and care, and to The Revd Canon Dr Tom Clammer OC for his thoughtful and challenging sermon. The beauty of our building, filled with flowers, fruit, the harvest loaf, and sunlight, made for a fitting setting for our thanksgiving. As Scripture reminds us, Harvest is a time of rejoicing, but also of responsibility. Rowan Williams speaks of discipleship as seeing Christ in each person and becoming those who 'change the landscape' for others, offering hope and walking alongside those on the margins. With thanks and every blessing, Revd Jenny and Holy Trinity

BACT GENERAL MEETING & PRAYERS – Thursday, 20 November @ 7.30pm in Holy Trinity Tower Room. Please join us for discussion and prayer – everyone welcome.

THE WEDNESDAY COMMUNITY CAFE - launched on 11 September 2024. by Liz and Judy. We are proud to say that we have been able to pay £1000 into Church funds in the 12 months since we started. Thank you to all who have supported us and helped when we have been busy.

FINANCE UPDATE FROM THE TREASURER - As we are heading into Autumn, I wanted to give a brief update on the Parish's finances. In summary, we are making progress in reducing the annual deficit in the General Fund but we need to do more to get to breakeven in 2026 and then focus on raising funds for addressing the backlog in fabric work. You may recall that our deficit in 2024 was £25,682. Due to some generous gifts, increased regular congregation giving, healthy Church lettings and a successful Street Market, I anticipate that the 2025 deficit will be reduced to around £12,500. In order to reduce this further in 2026 to achieve breakeven in the General Fund, we need to build on the increased giving we have seen this year, continue a high level of Church lettings and work on further fundraising events as well as hopefully benefit from one-off gifts. On the fabric side, work is underway to obtain quotes for a small number of the most urgent repairs which will be financed by the current funds we have in our Fabric Fund. We also anticipate that the Church gates will be repaired and re-painted, funded by a generous offer, to match the new lantern fitted over the summer. As a reminder, our preferred method of receiving giving is through the Parish Giving Scheme - the website address for this, where you can set up a payment is: <https://www.paritygiving.org.uk/donors/find-your-parish/bradford-on-avon-holy-trinity-bradford-on-avon/>. It is also straightforward to change a regular payment if you have already set up an account here. Clive Adamson

2025 STREET MARKET - The final figure for our 2025 Street Market is **£4,082**, a fantastic result, some £800 higher than 2024 and well above even our most optimistic forecast. This result could not have been achieved without the amazing Church stallholders and our band of helpers all of whom worked tirelessly on the day and days preceding. This is now a high bar but one we very much hope to be able to better on **4 July 2026**.

LIVE AT SHAW – Andrew Rumsey, Bishop of Ramsbury – an evening of poems, readings, songs and guitar playing. Thursday, 23 October @ 7.30pm, Christ Church, Shaw. Tickets £10 from aswparish@gmail.com

WEEKLY PRAYERS every Thursday in the Saxon Church for Israel and Palestine using prayer from Sabeel based in Jerusalem, 11.50am - 12.10pm. Everyone warmly welcome

COMMUNITY CAFÉ – Wednesdays from 10am-12noon - weekly community café – coffee/tea and biscuits will be provided on a donation basis.

CONFIRMATION AT SALISBURY CATHEDRAL, 1 NOVEMBER - We're delighted to share that preparation for Confirmation is well underway, with five candidates preparing for confirmation. Teenagers Mason and Stevie are preparing alongside Chris, Sally, and Jill, and all looking forward to being confirmed at Salisbury Cathedral on 1st November. Please do keep them in your prayers: "Confirm, O Lord, your servant with your Holy Spirit." If you are considering baptism or confirmation, or simply want to explore what that means, please get in touch with Jenny, who is planning an upcoming Exploring Confirmation Course. All are welcome.

THIS WEEK @ HT

SUNG EVENSONG – TODAY @ 6pm

MORNING PRAYER – Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday @ 8.30am

MAINLY MUSIC – Tuesday @ 10.30am-12noon – fun & friendship for pre-school families (contact Marlene on 864412 if you'd like to come). We have vacancies at the moment so would love to welcome more families.

SAXON CLUB – Tuesday @ 2.30pm – fun & friendship for 'seniors'. Theme: What to see when visiting Bath

COMMUNITY CAFE – Wednesday, 10am – 12noon. All welcome.

PARAGON SINGERS MONTEVERDI SINGING DAY – Saturday, 10am-4.30pm. Join us for an inspiring workshop exploring the rich world of Monteverdi madrigals. This is a wonderful opportunity for enthusiastic singers to delve into the expressive beauty and intricate harmonies of early Italian Baroque vocal music in a supportive and engaging setting. All voice parts welcome. The workshop will end with an informal performance at 4pm. Do invite friends along to hear us for free. Tickets from Bath Box Office tickets.

FUTURE EVENTS @ HT

HOLY BAPTISM OF VIOLET KRAIJENOORD – Sunday, 12 October @ 1pm

FUNERAL SERVICE OF PAULINE MUNDAY – Tuesday, 14 October @ 1pm

MOTHERS' UNION MEETING – Wednesday, 15 October @ 2.30pm

FORGET ME NOT CAFÉ – Thursday, 16 October @ 11am-12.30pm – lots of fun, music and good company.

AKABELLA CONCERT – Saturday, 18 October @ 2.30pm. Akabella will perform a mix of songs from their extensive repertoire, including heartfelt songs of peace and passion, joyful choruses, and music from various traditions. A 30th anniversary concert for Akabella. This in aid of Medecins Sans Frontieres (MSF) in Gaza. Tickets £10 (children u.12 free) available on the door.

FOR OUR PRAYERS

Please pray for all who are sick, remembering especially: Barbara Adamson, Tony Bruun, Mary Dawson, Valerie Dyer, Jennifer Fuller, Anne Harris, Viktor Klid, Celia Milne, Alice Moody, Geneviève Roberts, Edward Shaw, Malcolm Walsh & James Wright.

Pray for all those who mourn and for those who have recently died.

Please let Revd Jenny, Marlene (LPA) and Tony Haffenden (LPA) know of any pastoral need, including prayer.

Pray for all those whose anniversary of death falls at this time, especially: Joan Dering & Jeanne Walpole

FOR PRAYER THIS WEEK

- St Laurence School community, Fitzmaurice Primary School families; for the school community.
- Those recently ordained
- The Deanery Synod
- All places of conflict
- Victims of domestic abuse
- Refugees and the homeless
- Our media, in all forms



We continue to work together in our shared commitment to Safeguarding: **'The Benefice of Bradford on Avon Holy Trinity, Westwood and Wingfield takes its responsibilities surrounding the safeguarding of children, young people, and adults**

who may be at risk, very seriously. We work in partnership with the Diocese of Salisbury to ensure that we work in accordance with best practices at all times.'

SAFEGUARDING - If you have any Safeguarding concerns please speak to the clergy or our Safeguarding Adviser for the Benefice: **Andrea Unwin** 07553161654
Email: safeguarding@htboa.org
If you are concerned that someone you know is at risk of or is being abused, or presents a risk to others, please seek advice from: safeguarding@salisbury.anglican.org to speak to a caseworker, or the Diocesan Safeguarding Advisor 01722 438651, option 3

NEXT WEEK – 12 OCTOBER – TRINITY 17

8am – BCP Holy Communion

9.30am – In the Round – Reflect & Rejoice